

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

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A method and a control apparatus for controlling the movement of a sliding door in its end closing area by always permitting movement of the door leaf in a closing direction by providing a free wheel, only permitting movement of the door leaf in an opening direction when a brake, coupling or other fixation for a fixed part of the free wheel remote from the door leaf is disengaged, determining door position, deactivating any present safety devices against pinching in the predetermined end closing area, reducing a current supply of the door drive and thus a closing force acting on the door leaf to a lower value as long as the door leaf is within the end closing area, and disengaging the brake, coupling or other fixation which acts on the part of the free wheel remote from the door leaf.